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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant to the DD/I (Administration)

SUBJECT: Suggested Reply to Letter from Director, Bureau of the Budget

1. In the letter to the DCI from the Director, Bureau of the Budget, concerning Agency requests for budget increases, the portion referring to improved coordination as a means of minimizing the need for increased strength for PIC can be answered as follows:

As to the request for increased strength for the PIC, it is true that improved coordination of the government's photographic intelligence efforts is possible and highly desirable. This Agency has expended a great deal of effort in this regard during the past four years and has achieved notable success in numerous areas. For example, Photo Intelligence Officers of the Agency, the Army, Navy and at times the Air Force work side by side in the Center producing joint photographic intelligence reports, and regular inter-agency and service meetings are held weekly to consolidate requirements and avoid duplication of effort whenever possible. However, the basic reason for increasing the strength of the PIC is to provide vitally necessary manpower for the exploitation of photography currently on hand. For this task the Center is presently undermanned; the acquisition of additional photographic inputs from new, more sophisticated collection media will make the manpower situation completely untenable. Improved coordination would provide some measure of relief under present and future circumstances, but it cannot be expected to alter the budgeted personnel increase which has already been pared to an absolute minimum.



Finally, it would seem most appropriate for the Bureau of the Budget to assess concurrently the investment of funds in the collection and the exploitation of photography. To those concerned with the exploitation of photography for intelligence, both the personnel and dollar investments for exploitation appear entirely

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disproportionate and unrealistic in view of the tremendous effort reflected in current and projected collection funding. The acquisition of voluminous photographic collections is and will be to no avail if intelligence exploitation is not given reasonable consideration.

2. Please feel free to edit the foregoing. Any additional information or data which may be required will be provided promptly upon request.

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